

# WEST VIRGINIA SETTLES LAWSUIT WITH DRUG WHOLESALER

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CHARLESTON-- West Virginia officials have reached a \$3.5 million settlement with a wholesaler accused of flooding the state with millions of prescription pain pills.

Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced the settlement Tuesday with H.D. Smith Wholesale Drug Co.

The settlement resolved allegations that H.D. Smith failed to detect, report and stop the flood of suspicious prescription drug orders into the state, contributing to widespread drug abuse.

Morrisey says in a news release the settlement is the largest so far in a broader case.

Settlements involving lesser amounts were previously reached against Miami-Luken, Anda Inc., The Harvard Drug Group, Associated Pharmacies, J.M. Smith Corp., KeySource Medical Inc., Quest Pharmaceuticals, Top Rx and Masters Pharmaceutical LLC.

Litigation involving two remaining defendants is subject to a confidentiality order in Boone County Circuit Court.